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**RESPONSE TO PTO COMMUNICATION**

Sir:

In response to the December 17, 2003 PTO Communication, Applicants hereby clarify the previously filed response to the required election between the following groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-6, 14-19, 27-32; drawn to a computer method, system, or computer software product for calculating a normalization factor between probe arrays, classified in class 702, subclass 19.
- II. Claims 7-13, 20-26, and 33-39; drawn to a computer method, system, or computer software product for comparing gene expression between a first and second sample with the evaluation of a p-value via the Wilcoxon's signed rank test, classified in class 702, subclass 19.

Applicants elect the invention of **Group I (claims 1-6, 14-19, 27-32)**. Applicants reserve the right to re-present non-elected claims in a divisional or other related application.

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